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FM AMEMBASSY DAR ES SALAAM

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INFO AMEMBASSY BUJUMBURA

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SUBJECT: TANZANIAN- BURUNDI RELATIONS AND BELBASE MEETING

1. TANU- OWNED, SWAHILI- DAILY UHURU, QUOTING KIGOMA DISTRICT AREA COMMISSIONER, REPORTED MARCH 30 THAT FURTHER INVESTIGATION OF ATTACK ON TANZANIAN VILLAGES SHOWS DEATH TOLL HAS RISEN TO 74, OF WHOM 33 ARE TANZANIAN CITIZENS. BURUNDI AMBASSADOR IN DAR ES SALAAM HAS COMPLETED INVESTIGATION AT SITE OF INCIDENT AND REPORTEDLY RETURNED TO BUJUMBURA TO PASS ON HIS FINDINGS.

2. VISITING BURUNDI FINANCE MINISTER HICUBURUNDI REPORETDLY TOLD UHURU NEWSMAN MARCH 27 THAT GOB IS PREPARING TO OFFER APOLOGY TO TANZANIA FOR ATTACKS WHICH ITS MILITARY FORCES CONDUCTED AGAINST VARIOUS TANZANIAN VILLAGES. HICUBURUNDI ALLEGEDLY SAID INCIDENT SHOCKED BURUNDI GOVERNMENT AND PEOPLE BECAUSE BURUNDI SOLDIERS HAD NOT BEEN GIVEN ORDERS TO CROSS BORDER. HE ADDED THAT DUE TO TROUBLE ALONG BORDER " PERHAPS OUR SOLDIERS CROSSED BORDER DURING FIGHTING". HICUBURUNDI EMPHASIZED THAT BORDER IS NOT CLEARLY DEMARCATED.

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3. NEWS ACCOUNT IN MARCH 29 UHURU CONFIRMED REPORT
CONTAINED DAR ES SALAAM 1052 CONCERNING BELBASE TALKS.
GOB DELEGATION IN TANZANIA INCLUDED HICUBURUNDI, PUBLIC
WORKS MINISTER LONGIN, AND 5 PRINCIPAL SECRETARIES.
FOLLOWING POSTPONEMENT OF MEETING, GOB DELEGATION HAS
RETURNED TO BUJUMBURA AND REQUESTED THAT SESSION BE
DELAYED BEYOND APRIL 2 SO THAT MEMBERS BURUNDI TEAM CAN
" DEAL WITH OTHER MATTERS BEFORE RETURNING TO DAR ES SALAAM ".
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